

**State of Alaska
FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Education and Early Development
Pupil Transportation
Component Budget Summary**

Component: Pupil Transportation

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provide grants to school districts for transportation services in a timely manner.

Core Services

Alaska Statute 14.09.010 establishes a grant program to school districts that operate pupil transportation programs. The per student grant amounts are calculated by dividing the FY2003 actual reimbursement by the number of students in the district. The annual grant entitlement is determined by multiplying the per student grant amount by the actual number of students in the district. 22 of the 49 school districts receiving grants for pupil transportation services have contracted for transportation services to and from school with one or more private school bus operators. 14 districts run district-operated fleets and 6 districts run a combination of district owned and contracted fleets. 7 districts reimburse parents in-lieu of providing transportation.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2009 Component Budget: \$53,019,000	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Continuing to find cost-effective means of providing transportation services is a key issue to school districts. Ensuring student safety through bus driver training, school bus inspections, and drug and alcohol testing of bus drivers continues to be a key issue.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

The Governor will introduce legislation to adjust school districts pupil transportation grants beginning in FY2009.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

In FY2007 the Department of Education & Early Development distributed approximately \$54.0 million to 49 school districts transporting students to and from school daily.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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**Pupil Transportation
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	53,993.5	53,568.5	53,019.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	53,993.5	53,568.5	53,019.0
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	53,993.5	53,568.5	53,019.0
Funding Totals	53,993.5	53,568.5	53,019.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	53,568.5	0.0	0.0	53,568.5
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Remove Pupil Transportation CC Appropriation_PEF Tracking	-53,568.5	0.0	0.0	-53,568.5
Proposed budget increases:				
-Pupil Transportaion_PEF Tracking	53,019.0	0.0	0.0	53,019.0
FY2009 Governor	53,019.0	0.0	0.0	53,019.0